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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement under 35 USC §121 dated September 15, 2003 for the subject patent application.

The Examiner requires Applicant to elect a single invention identified by the Examiner. Specifically, the Examiner has divided the application into the following inventions:

Group I:

Claims 1-17, drawn to a device for fabricating anisotropic films, classified

in class 425, subclass 373; and

Group II:

Claims 18-20, drawn to a method for fabricating anisotropic films,

classified in 264, subclass 108.

Applicant hereby elects Group I: Claims 1-17 with traverse, for further prosecution, without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue the remaining non-elected claims in one or more subsequent divisional applications.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number listed below if any matter can be solved by telephone.

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